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: 4,5-DIHYDROXY

: -2-CYCLOPENTAN-1-ONE : (DHCP), EFFLUX PROTEIN : RESISTANCE TO DHCP

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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TECH CENTER 1600/2900 In response to the Official Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicants amend as follows:

Marked-Up Version Showing Changes Made to the Specification

Please replace the Title with the following:

Gene conferring resistance to the antibacterial encoding a 4,5-dihydroxy-2-cyclopenten-1-one (DHCP), the protein encoded by same, and applications thereofefflux protein promoting resistance to DHCP

On page 9, please replace the last paragraph with the following:

FIG. 4 The sequence homology between DEP(SEQ ID No. 3), Cmr (SEQ ID No. 4), CmrA (SEQ ID No. 5), CMI (SEQ ID No. 6), Cmx (SEQ ID No. 7), CmIV (SEQ ID No. 8), BcR (SEQ ID No. 9), Bmr3 (SEQ ID No. 10), YjcC (SEQ ID No. 11) and Tet (SEQ ID No. 12). Identical and similar sequences are marked with black and gray boxes, respectively. The consensus sequences for transmembrane proteins are marked with dotted lines and are represented as I, II, and III stretches.